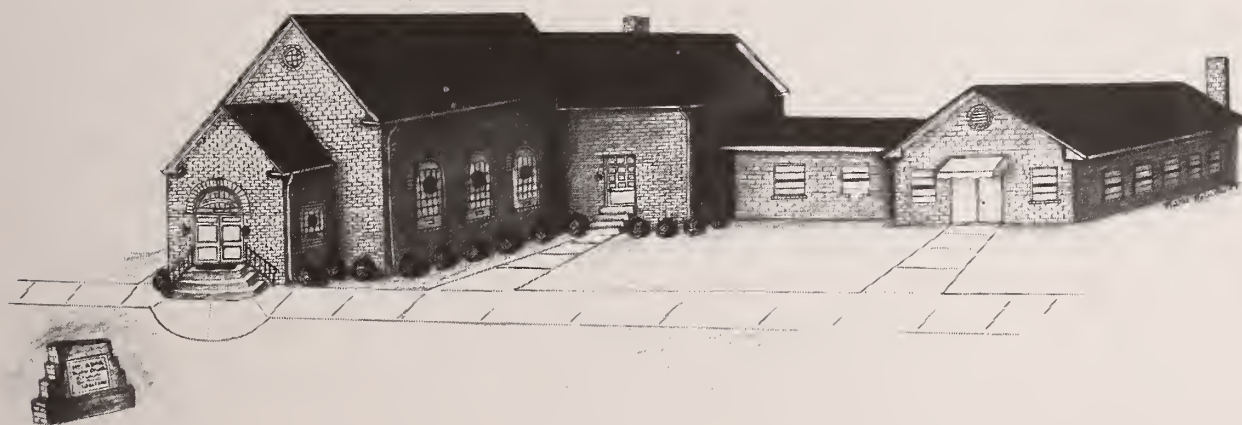


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PREFACE

The Rev. J. F. McDuffie, the second pastor of Mount Adar Baptist Church from March 2, 1891 until October 1892, compiled a history of the church which was published in the minutes of the 1935 Session of the Mount Zion Baptist Association. Mrs. Blanche Sharpe Rogers compiled another history in 1960 covering the first seventy-one years of Mount Adar Church. Her history appears first in this document.

This third history begins where Mrs. Rogers' history ended. Sources used were the minutes of the church business meetings and other church records, minutes of the sessions of the Mount Zion Baptist Association and information from members of the church and the community. The minutes of an annual session of the Association cover the first nine months of the year in which they are published and the last three months of the preceding year. An event which is listed as occurring in 1970, for example, could have taken place during the last three months of 1969.

In the process of searching records for the third history, some material was discovered which does not appear in the first two histories. This material is contained in the appendix.

The history of Mount Adar Baptist Church inevitably reflects its cooperation with other Baptists through the Mount Zion Baptist Association and through all levels of Southern Baptist work.

Names have been used when they were available. The writer has attempted to make the history as objective as possible, allowing the record to speak for itself. The current controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention is mentioned only to explain certain actions occurring in the Mount Zion Baptist Association and at Mount Adar Baptist Church.

We thank the members of the Centennial committee who have worked faithfully to help make this document as complete and as accurate as possible.

Tennala Abner Gross

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HISTORY OF MOUNT ADAR BAPTIST CHURCH

A presbytery consisting of Rev. A. T. Hord, J. H. Vernon, and G. F. Blackmon met at Compton's School House in northern Orange County, March 8, 1889, for the purpose of organizing a missionary Baptist church. The declaration of faith and church covenant, arranged by a committee appointed by the Mount Zion Baptist Association, were read by the clerk and adopted by the seven members present.

By motion the presbytery recognized these seven members as a church of the Baptist faith and extended to them the right hand of fellowship. The church was organized and constituted a Baptist church by the application of letter by the following: W. H. Whitted, Alice Whitted, Laura Whitted Malone, Emily Whitted, Corenlia Vincent, A. J. Compton, and Mattie Compton. Rev. A. T. Hord was called as pastor. He suggested "Mount Ada" as a suitable name for the new church and it was accepted by the members. The church then elected W. H. Whitted as clerk and deacon. He was ordained by the presbytery. A. J. Compton, who had already been ordained at Mars Hill Church, was elected also. W. H. Whitted was elected treasurer, and he and A. J. Compton were elected trustees of the church.

On October 12, 1890, Rev. A. T. Hord resigned and Rev. J. F. McDuffie was called as pastor March 2, 1891. His salary was set at \$50.00 per year.

During Rev. McDuffie's pastorate a Building Committee was appointed consisting of A. J. Compton, G. F. Blackmon, and W. H. Whitted. Miss Mattie Compton, Mrs. Laura Malone, and Miss Viola G. Vincent were appointed a "Soliciting Committee" to raise funds for the building of a suitable house of worship. "The heroic and self-sacrificing effort of these few Baptists for the building of a house of worship for themselves, and for future generations to come, will never be revealed this side of eternity. This effort, on their part, showed how much they love their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ; how much they revered their Heavenly Father's cause and the worth of the souls growing up in their community."

On July 3, 1892, a financial report was made indicating that a total of \$520.99 had been raised; the church was built, paid for, and dedicated. Dr. C. Davidson, corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board of North Carolina, preached the dedication sermon. Rev. J. F. McDuffie remained as pastor until October 1, 1892.

On November 6, 1892, Rev. A. J. Taylor was called as pastor. His salary was \$50.00 per year. During his pastorate a Sunday school was organized. W. H. Whitted was elected superintendent. The Sunday school made very little progress. The first report to the Association showed four teachers and twenty-five "scholars."

Rev. A. J. Taylor resigned on August 26, 1894, and Rev. J. C. Hocutt was called and served as pastor for one year. Rev. J. M. Hillard was then called. He served the church as pastor from 1895 to 1898.

By the end of 1894 the membership had grown from seven to twenty-two — five "males," and seventeen "females." The pastor's salary was \$30.00; contributions for church, \$2.50; Associational Missions, \$1.00; State Missions, \$1.60; Home Missions, \$0.30; Foreign Missions, \$3.10; Orphanage, \$0.50—total \$39.00.

On December 1, 1898, Dr. W. H. Edwards accepted a call as pastor.

In June, 1900, an organ was purchased costing \$75.00. The membership had grown to thirty-one; the financial report showed \$168.81 paid out; value of church property \$750.00. Dr. Edwards resigned on January 2, 1902.

Rev. C. E. Maddrey was called and took charge of the church on February 1, 1902. The Sunday School was reorganized and W. H. Whitted was elected superintendent again. Rev. Maddrey resigned September 11, 1904, to attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

From September 11, 1904 to December 2, 1906, the church was without a pastor. Rev. Duncan McLeod, pastor at Mebane, was called. He was pastor until December, 1907. The membership of the church was doubled under his leadership. After Rev. McLeod's resignation, Rev. J. A. Hackney became pastor. He served the church for about six and one half years and resigned in April, 1914. In 1911 the pastor's salary was raised to \$100.00 per year.

Upon the resignation of Rev. Hackney, Rev. H. G. Dorsett was called and accepted the church. He served as pastor one year and resigned to attend Southern Seminary. In 1914 preaching service was changed from the second Sunday to the first Sunday at 11:00 o'clock and the third Sunday at 4:00 o'clock.

The church was without a pastor in 1915.

In December, 1915, Rev. J. M. Arnette was extended a call. He accepted as supply pastor. In October, 1916, Rev. K. C. Horner, pastor at Mebane, became pastor. His salary was raised to \$200.00 per year. Mrs. K. C. Horner organized a missionary society in May, 1917. Rev. Horner resigned in March, 1919. Rev. J. C. Canipe accepted a call to the church in May 1919.

Mount Adar's allotment to the \$75,000,000 campaign was \$3,000.00 to be paid over a 10-year period. The pastor's salary was increased to \$400.00. Membership had grown to seventy-two.

In 1920, after several trials of having a Sunday school, it was organized again with Clyde Yarbrough as superintendent and W. H. Whitted as assistant. In August, Rev. Canipe resigned to attend Southern Seminary.

Mr. H. T. Wright, a student at Wake Forest College was called as pastor in December, 1921. The church voted to hold a regular conference once each quarter. Upon the death of Mr. A. J. Compton, Mr. R. L. Wilson was elected a deacon, and Mr. Charlie Allen a trustee. Mr. W. A. Boone was elected treasurer. Rev. H. T. Wright resigned in 1923.

Rev. J. R. Cantrell, pastor of Hillsboro Baptist Church, became pastor in 1924.

The church was privileged to have the Mount Zion Association meet with it October 13-14, 1925, for the first time. There was a large crowd in attendance.

During the spring of 1926 the church building was repaired and painted costing \$545.67. At the October church conference five members were dismissed for non-attendance. Rev. Cantrell resigned in December to accept work with the Centennial Movement.

In May, 1927, Rev. J. C. McGregor, Roxboro, N. C., accepted a call as pastor. He organized a Senior and Junior B.Y.P.U. In the fall of 1933 Rev. McGregor was granted a year's leave of absence to attend the Seminary. Rev. Clyde Stanfield supplied during his absence. Rev. McGregor served longer than any previous pastor, and the church made greater progress — numerically and financially — than during any pastorate previously. He resigned in July, 1934, to accept a call to a church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

The church met in conference in October, 1934, and called Mr. A. K. Cheek, a student, "fresh from the halls of learning and training—at Wake Forest—with an active mind, healthy body, young and vigorous, and just entering his first ministerial experience."

Each year at the Mount Zion Associational meeting the history of a church is presented by the historian. Mount Adar's history was presented in 1935 by Rev. J. F. McDuffie, a former pastor.

There is no church record available for the years December, 1935, to September, 1941.

In October, 1941, a movement was started to either remodel the old church building or build a new one. It was decided to remodel the main auditorium, build new Sunday school rooms and install a heating system. The Building Committee consisted of L. J. Rogers, Sr., Mrs. E. C. Compton, Mrs. E. E. Carver, and I. S. Rogers. The committee was unable to secure a contractor because most of the workers in the area had gone to Camp Butner to do construction work during World War II. Thus, the church had to abandon the remodeling job until construction workers and materials were available, but the Finance committee continued to increase the Building Fund.

Rev. A. K. Cheek resigned in June, 1943, to accept a full-time pastorate at Hillsboro, N. C. During Rev. Cheek's pastorate, the church conducted the first Every member Canvas and adopted the Unified Budget Plan.

From July to October, 1943, the church was without a pastor. Services were held by visiting ministers. Rev. E. C. Upchurch, a student from Wake Forest College, accepted a call in October, 1943. Preaching service was changed from the third Sunday in the month to the first Sunday, but in June, 1944, the church voted to have two services a month—first and third Sundays. Every resident member was contacted and asked to "double" his previous pledge. Rev. Upchurch resigned in July, 1945, to enter Southern Seminary. The church was without a pastor until August, 1946, when Rev. W. T. Smith was called.

In September, 1946, the building program was revived and plans began to materialize. Progress seemed very slow for many months, then blueprints were drawn and construction materials were secured. In August, 1947, Rev. Smith asked for a leave of absence to enter Southern Seminary. Rev. Henry H. Morgan, a student at Wake Forest College, came in September, 1947, to serve as supply pastor until November when Rev. Smith resigned. Rev. Morgan then became pastor. At this time the church was in a building program. The Carr Methodist church was very generous and offered Mount Adar the use of its church to hold services. This plan worked nicely as Mount Adar held services the first and third Sundays; Carr, the second and fourth. This arrangement existed about eight months. Rev. Morgan conducted his first service in Carr Methodist Church. He remained as pastor until August, 1949, when he resigned to enter Southern Seminary.

The first service was held in the new auditorium on the first Sunday in May, 1948. Several former pastors attended including Dr. C. E. Maddry, Rev. W. T. Smith, and Rev. A. K. Cheek who delivered the 11:00 o'clock sermon.

New pews were bought by the Woman's Missionary Society and installed January, 1949, at a cost of \$1,860.00.

The building program stopped at the completion of the auditorium, two Sunday school rooms, and flooring laid in the unfinished part because funds had been exhausted, but the Finance Committee continued raising funds to complete the remaining Sunday school rooms at

a later date.

In November, 1949, Rev. W. H. Rittenhouse, a former Army chaplain living in Hillsboro, accepted a call from the church. He served until June, 1952. During his pastorate the custom of an annual Fall Festival was begun as a means of raising funds for the church.

One of the most important events in the history of Mount Adar took place on the first Sunday in June, 1952, when Robert Frazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Frazier, was ordained as a minister. He was the first and only member ever to have this distinction; also, the only member to become a foreign missionary.

After Rev. Rittenhouse's resignation, the church was without a pastor until October when Rev. Jack Parham, a student at Southeastern Seminary, accepted a call.

In February, 1953, the church met in conference and voted to have full-time preaching services at 11:00 o'clock first, third, and fourth Sundays, 7:00 p.m. on second Sunday. While Rev. Parham was pastor sufficient funds were raised to complete the unfinished part of the building.

June 7, 1954, was a red-letter day for Mount Adar. The building had been completed at a cost of approximately \$20,000.00 and was dedicated. Rev. Parham preached at the 11:00 o'clock service; a picnic dinner was enjoyed by the large crowd which attended. Several former pastors were present for the 2:00 o'clock service including Rev. Henry Morgan who delivered the dedication sermon.

In September, 1954, Rev. Parham resigned to return to the Seminary - he was living on the field - to complete his ministerial work.

From October, 1954 to March, 1955, the church was without a pastor. Church services were conducted first and third Sundays by supply ministers. The third Sunday in March, 1955, Rev. Sam J. Phillips, Sr., became pastor. The church remained on part-time preaching.

The first Easter Sunrise service was conducted on Easter Sunday, 1955.

At the regular church conference in May, it was voted to have a well dug and an electric pump installed.

Rev. Phillips resigned as pastor in December, 1955.

Following the pattern of previous years, upon the pastor's resignation, the church was without a pastor for several months—January to June, 1956. During January, February, and March services were conducted by supply ministers. The first Sunday in April, 1956, Rev. Jay Fogleman of Henderson, a student at Southeastern Seminary, filled the pulpit. He continued to supply at each regular appointment through April and May. The first Sunday in June he was extended a call. He accepted the pastorate the third Sunday in June, 1956. In October Rev. Fogleman announced that the church would begin regular observance of the Lord's Supper the first Sunday in each quarter.

At the November church conference a forward step was taken when an itemized budget was presented and adopted for 1957 totaling \$2,715.00; and it was decided to begin full-time church services.

Another improvement to the church was realized in March, 1957, when rest rooms were completed costing \$1,545.60. The W.M.S. contributed \$1,100.00; the remainder was paid from the church treasury. In June, regular Wednesday night prayer meeting was adopted.

The Mount Zion Association met with Mount Adar on October 16, 1957—the second day. This was the second time the church had been host to the Association in its history.

The church budget for 1958 increased the pastor's salary \$200.00, from \$1,080.00 to \$1,280.00 per year.

Rev. Jack Coffey was invited as guest speaker for the revival in March, 1958. Plans were made for one week but due to the great interest manifested in the meeting, it was extended until mid-week of the second week. There were eighteen additions by profession of faith and three by letter. This was a record for the church as it was the largest number of additions in any one year.

A Training Union was organized in May, 1958. For a few weeks the attendance was very good; later, so few attended it was decided to abandon the organization. Unfortunately, this is the same picture of this organization each time it has been attempted.

Under the direction of Mrs. Fogleman, the Intermediate Class published the first edition of the "Mount Adar Messenger" in June, 1958. They also financed and erected a church sign.

In August, 1958, in a church conference, a proposal of building a pastorium was presented. It was voted to adopt plans for this project. A Pastorium Committee was appointed: H. M. Compton, J. O. Hawkins, Jr., L. J. Rogers, Sr., Mrs. L. E. Stewart, and Mrs. Beverly Murray. By January, 1959, building plans had been completed, presented to the church and adopted.

The church adopted the Forward program plan for church finances in June, 1959. It was voted to use this plan on a two-month trial basis. It has been continued until the present date.

On August 2, 1959, Rev. Fogleman submitted his resignation effective August 30 to accept a call to Lowe's Grove Church, Durham, N. C. With deep regret the church accepted his resignation. During his pastorate the church experienced the greatest period of growth and expansion in many years.

The climax to the first trial of the Forward program plan was the Loyalty Supper held Saturday night, August 29, with a large attendance and pledges made for the 1960 budget. The following Sunday, August 30, Rev. Fogleman filled his last appointment. The church presented him a "love gift."

For the next six weeks services were conducted by students from Southeastern Seminary while the Pulpit Committee was trying to secure a pastor. This Committee went to the Seminary and interviewed several ministerial students including Mr. Frank D. Metcalf. He preached two Sundays and was extended a call. He accepted the call on October 18, 1959.

A very important event occurred on December 13, 1959, when Mr. Metcalf was ordained to the ministry. The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. B. Elmo Scoggin from Southeastern Seminary, one of Mr. Metcalf's professors. This was a most impressive service.

At the February, 1960 church conference it was announced that Mr. E. C. Compton had donated land on which to build the pastorium. The church was most happy to accept this generous donation.

Nineteen hundred and sixty was another year of progress for Mount Adar. Sufficient funds had been raised to begin construction on the long dreamed-of pastorium.

Construction was begun in April and it was completed in July. Rev. Metcalf and his family moved in the last of July. The contract price was \$11,600.00 by Kale Construction Company, Mebane, N. C. The church paid \$4,000.00 on the debt, borrowed the remainder from Mr. R. H. Kale on an eight-year term loan; \$5,134.15 has been paid.

Another forward step in 1960 was the plan adopted for the rotation of deacons. Perhaps the most progressive step ever undertaken by the church was the adoption of the largest budget in its history—\$6,382.00 for 1961.

In September, a second very successful Loyalty Fund supper was held in the Recreation Room of the pastorium.

The Recreation Room has been furnished with folding tables and chairs, a piano, and various games.

During the seventy-one years of service, Mount Adar Church “has wrought well considering its environment and difficulties. It has had much to overcome—weakness in membership, only seven to begin with, and none of them overcharged with wealth, and but few in sympathy with the Missionary Baptist faith and practice. It has waded through it all, by stern cooperation and determined will, has come out victoriously, gradually made progress, and has a right to be proud of the record it has made.”

“One man can accomplish great things for God if he will take God in partnership with him, but no band of workers can make the greatest success and progress without a wise, judicious, consecrated leader.

These seven charter members had such a leader in Mr. W. H.

Whitted. He entered into the work with a determination and will to make a success of it by the help of his Heavenly Father and his co-workers. He saw in a vision the possibilities and threw his whole soul, mind, and strength into it. The church stands today a monumet to his and his co-workers’ arduous toil and Godly consecration.”

Mount Adar has been privileged to see a gradual progress from its small beginning of seven members in 1889, meeting in a one-room school building, to a membership of one hundred and three, a modern brick church building with seven Sunday school rooms, a pastorium, and a full-time pastor in 1960. The first year the church was organized it contributed—to all causes—\$30.10; in 1960 it contributed \$8,802.00.

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(The above material was taken from church and associational minutes.)

Mount Adar Baptist Church began its seventy-second year on March 8, 1961 with ninety-nine members, eighty-one of whom were resident members. The Reverend Frank D. Metcalf, Jr. was in the second year of his pastorate, having accepted the call to serve Mount Adar on October 18, 1959. His family consisted of his wife, Carolyn, and two sons, Tommy and Ken.

During March of 1961, a church census was taken in preparation for the revival to be held March 26-31 with the Rev. J. H. Waugh, Jr. of Burlington doing the preaching. There were four additions to the church during the revival and a baptismal service was held on April 16. In May the pastor's salary of \$2,695 per year was increased by \$5 per week.

Maintenance of church property included work on the driveway to the church cemetery and the dividing of the cemetery into plots so each church family could select individual plots. A new lawn mower was purchased.

Persons serving in key leadership positions during 1961 were C. N. Sharpe, Jr., Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. H. M. (Polly Vincent) Compton, Woman's Missionary Union president, John Oscar Hawkins, Jr., treasurer, W. M. Ward, church clerk, and Marvin Rogers, chairman of the deacons.

There were ninety-two members enrolled in the Sunday School with an average attendance of fifty-eight. Vacation Bible School enrollment was fifty. The total value of the church property was \$35,000 and the church debt was \$7,000. Receipts for the year were \$7,871. Total expenditures for staff salaries, including the pastor, was \$3,608. Total expenditures for missions were \$852, but the love offering of \$240 for the Robert Frazier family, brought the total amount to \$1,092. The Fraziers are serving as missionaries to the Asmat tribe in Indonesia (formerly Dutch New Guinea). Mr. Frazier is a former member of Mount Adar.

Messengers from Mount Adar to the 1961 Annual Meeting of the Mount Zion Baptist Association were the Rev. and Mrs. Frank D. Metcalf, Jr., and Mrs. L. E. (Nonie Dodson) Stewart.

Mr. Metcalf resigned his pastorate on November 19, to become effective December 17, 1961. Thirty-two members were added to the church during the two years Mr. Metcalf was pastor.

The Rev. William T. Brogden accepted the pastorate of Mount Adar Baptist Church in January 1962. On June 23 of that same year, Mr. Brogden was married to Rose Kearney of Durham.

A Baptist Training Union was organized with both Intermediate and Junior Departments. Enrollment for the Intermediates was 16 and for the Juniors, 17. Mr. Brogden served as director. Crusaders and Pioneers, youth divisions of the Baptist Brotherhood, were also organized with enrollments of 6 and 10 respectively.

Maintenance of church property included painting the outside of the church building and installing gutters at the parsonage. In February the decision was made that the church would pay the electricity and heating bills for the parsonage as long as the money was available.

Mrs. John Oscar (Lois Walker) Hawkins, Jr. was elected president of the Woman's Missionary Union. Other positions of leadership remained unchanged from 1961. Mrs. L. J. (Blanche Sharpe) Rogers, Sr. was elected permanent historian of the church.

Messengers to the 1962 meeting of the Association were the Rev. William T. Brogden, Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., Mrs. E. C. Compton, and Mrs. Hubert E. (Rosa Boone) Jobe.

Total receipts for the year were \$7,630 and expenditures were local, \$3,110 and missions, \$923. The church debt was reduced to \$4,000.

During the year there were two baptisms and six additions by letter. One revival was held during the year.

In January, 1963 Howard Compton, John Oscar Hawkins, Jr., Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., and Mrs. Beverly (Ruby Anderson) Murray were elected to serve on a committee to draw up a constitution for the church. The church minutes of 1922 indicate that a constitution was drawn up and adopted that year; however, that constitution cannot be located.

Maintenance of church property included painting the church sanctuary, repairing the basement drain, and having the piano repaired and tuned.

At the recommendation of the deacons, the church voted to practice open communion, that is to invite persons from other denominations to partake of the Lord's Supper when they were present during the observance of that ordinance.

Howard S. Compton served as superintendent of the Sunday School which had an enrollment of 80 and an average attendance of 50. L. J. Rogers, Jr. assumed the position of chairman of the deacons.

Messengers to the 1963 meeting of the Mount Zion Association were the Rev. William T. Brogden, Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., Mrs. L. E. Stewart, Mrs. E. C. Compton, and Mrs. H. E. Jobe.

Receipts for the year totalled \$7,858 and expenditures included \$4,270 for local expenses and \$978 for missions.

There were two baptisms during the year and one new member by transfer. Seven members were lost either by transfer or by death. Total membership at the end of the year was 96, 73 resident and 23 nonresident.

In May, 1963, Mrs. Rose Brogden began an official history of Woman's Missionary Union work at Mount Adar Baptist Church. A forty-fifth birthday celebration was held in the home of Mrs. Clyde C. (Etta) Compton, a charter member of the Mount Adar WMU, which was organized in 1917 by Mrs. K. C. Horner, wife of the pastor.

In 1964 the debt on the parsonage was paid off and the money left over in the parsonage fund was used for landscaping the parsonage grounds. A dedication service for the parsonage was held November 29, 1964.

The church budget presented by the finance committee allocated \$120 per week to maintain the work of the church. Church members made pledges to cover this amount.

In May, 1964, the newly painted mural for the baptistry was dedicated to the memory of the late Sam Sharpe, who was baptized at Mount Adar Church in 1910. Funds for the painting of the mural were given by Mr. Sharpe's widow the former Lilly Mae Garrison. The artist was Vickie Mitchell.

C. N. Sharpe, Jr. assumed the position of Sunday School superintendent which had an enrollment of 85 with an average attendance of 54. John Oscar Hawkins, Jr. was elected chairman of the deacons. Mrs. W. M. (Laura Pope) Ward was elected president of the WMU and Mrs. Bernice (Sandra Hawkins) Briggs was elected church clerk. Marvin F. Rogers and Melvin Ward were elected deacons.

Messengers to the 1964 meeting of the Mount Zion Baptist Association were The Rev. and Mrs. William T. Brogden, Mrs. E. C. Compton, Mrs. L. E. Stewart, Mrs. L. J. Rogers,

Sr., and Mrs. H. E. Jobe.

There were two additions by baptism during the year and one addition by letter. Five members were lost either by transfer or by death. Total membership at the end of the year was 89, 64 resident and 25 nonresident.

Total receipts for the year were \$9,194 and total expenditures were \$6,026. Mount Adar contributed eleven per cent of its receipts to missions.

There were five additions to Mount Adar Church in 1965, four by baptism. L. J. Rogers, Jr. served as superintendent of the Sunday School which had an enrollment of 87. John Oscar Hawkins, Jr. was elected chairman of the deacons. Total receipts for the year were \$7,672 and total expenditures were \$3,974, \$1,069 of that amount going to missions. The missions offering included \$25.00 for the fund to send Mr. W. Frank Ingram, Superintendent of Missions for Mount Zion Baptist Association, on a mission trip to Brazil.

A lighted sign was placed in front of the church and an electric eye was installed to control the lighting of the sign.

Messengers to the 1965 meeting of the Mount Zion Association were The Rev. and Mrs. William T. Brogden, Mrs. L. E. Stewart, Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., Mrs. E. C. Compton, Mrs. Rosa Jobe and Mrs. Johnny (Nancy Miller) Crabtree.

The minutes of church business meetings for 1966 show a fairly routine year with church activities proceeding as usual. Sandra Briggs served as president of the WMU and Marvin Rogers served as church treasurer. Carpet was installed in the sanctuary, in the pulpit area, the aisles, and the vestibule.

Messengers to the 1966 meeting of the Mount Zion Association were the Rev. William T. Brogden, Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., Mrs. L. E. Stewart, Mrs. H. E. Jobe, and Mrs. Nancy Crabtree.

There is only one entry in the church minutes for 1967. The only change in key positions of leadership was the election of Melvin Ward as chairman of the deacons.

Messengers to the 1967 meeting of the Mount Zion Association were the Rev. William T. Brogden, Mrs. Johnny Crabtree, Mrs. Laura Ward, Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., and Mrs. R. N. (Nettie) Fitch.

Mr. Brogden submitted his resignation as pastor in May 1968. A pulpit committee was elected to begin the search for a pastor. Serving on that committee were Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., chairman, Mrs. L. E. Stewart, Mrs. Lois Hawkins, Mrs. Marvin (Ruth Rich) Rogers, and Mr. Melvin Ward.

Since its organization, janitorial services for the church have been provided on a rotation basis by the members. In 1968, the church bought a vacuum cleaner so those cleaning the church would not have to bring their own machines to the church.

In August of 1968 the church called the Rev. Jack Hinton, a student at Southeastern Baptist Seminary, as pastor. Mr. Hinton and his wife, Shirley Alford Hinton, and their three children, Sharon, age 12, Kerry, age 10, and Lynne, age 6, moved into the parsonage in September. The Rev. Mr. Hinton had graduated from Campbell University and had worked for twelve years as advertising director with a furniture chain. He accepted the call to serve Mount Adar Church immediately after enrolling at Southeastern Seminary. In October, the pastor's salary was raised to \$75.00 per week.

In September a Girls Auxilary and a Sunbeam Band were organized. Mrs. L. J. (Nancy Rimmer) Rogers, Jr. and Mrs. Sandra Briggs served as leaders of the Girls Auxiliary. The Sunbeam Band was led by Mrs. Hinton and Mrs. Nancy Crabtree.

Messengers to the 1968 meeting of the Mount Zion Association were the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Hinton, Mrs. Claude (Katy Ward) Webster, Mrs. H. E. Jobe, Mrs. L. E. Stewart, Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., and Mrs. R. N. Fitch.

The year 1969 saw a growth in membership from 79 to 97. Fourteen of these new members joined by baptism. Miss Mary Elizabeth Hawkins assumed the position of church librarian, the first person to serve in this capacity, and Miss Eunice Hawkins was elected church clerk. Mr. Hinton served as choir director. In November a committee was formed to study the possibility of erecting a fellowship building.

In September, 1969, a coronation service, the first for Mount Adar, was held for members of the Girls Auxiliary. Sharon Hinton was recognized as Queen and Maidens were Rachel Byrd, Robin Carmichael, Jackie Hawkins, Karen Hawkins, Diane Loftis, Vicky Webster, Lottie Wilburn and Nancy Wilburn.

Messengers to the 1969 meeting of the Mount Zion Association were the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Hinton, Mrs. Ruth Rogers, Mrs. H. E. Jobe, and Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr.

Early in 1970 a building fund was started in preparation for erecting a fellowship building. Mr. Hinton presented his resignation in the spring. In his words,

“Mount Adar Baptist Church took in an inexperienced preacher in Jack Hinton and they loved us and helped us experience what being a pastor and family is all about. The warmth in our hearts for the great folks of Mount Adar Baptist Church will always be present.”

The Rev. Ronald Pelfrey, a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, was called as pastor and began his service in June 1970. He and his wife, Barbara McCurry Pelfrey, had a one-year-old daughter, Tania. A son, Todd, was born in 1972 while Mr. Pelfrey was still serving Mount Adar.

The decision was made to install a new heating and air-conditioning system in the church building and to pay at least \$200 on social security for the pastor. John Oscar Hawkins, Jr. was elected chairman of the deacons. Mrs. Dennis (Debra Oakley) Ward served as choir director, Kathy Rudd served as pianist and Mrs. Larry (Yvonne Poteat) Rogers served as church clerk. Larry Rogers was elected a deacon.

That summer another coronation service for members of the Girls Auxiliary was held. Sharon Hinton was crowned Queen with Scepter, Karen Hawkins was crowned Queen and the following were recognized as Ladies-in-waiting: Rachel Byrd, Robin Carmichael, Jackie Hawkins and Vicky Webster. Sharon Hinton had moved away but her family brought her back for this significant honor.

Mr. Pelfrey delivered the annual sermon at the 1970 Session of the Mount Zion Baptist Association. Messengers from Mount Adar in addition to Mr. Pelfrey were Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., Mrs. Sandra Briggs, and Mrs. Larry Rogers. Mr. Pelfrey and Melvin Ward served on the Executive Board of the Association.

Statistical tables gave the following information on Mount Adar for 1970: total gifts, \$9280, total gifts to missions, \$623, total membership 97, Sunday School enrollment 76 with L. J. Rogers, Jr. serving as superintendent, and Vacation Bible School enrollment 38. Church officers included Marvin Rogers, treasurer, Yvonne Rogers, church clerk, Melvin Ward, chairman of the deacons, Kathy Rudd, pianist, and Mary Elizabeth Hawkins, librarian.

By 1971 the membership of Mount Adar had grown to 112. Larry Rogers served as superintendent of the Sunday School which had an enrollment of 70 with an average attendance of 53. Lois Hawkins was president of the Women's Missionary Union which had an enrollment of 34. The trustees were Millard Roberts, Marvin F. Rogers and Melvin Ward. Larry Rogers served as chairman of deacons. Total gifts for the year were \$9,089 and total gifts to missions were \$636.

During this year the church assumed responsibility for paying social security tax for the minister. The church bought a mimeograph machine to use for various church publications. The cemetery committee was directed to study the feasibility of charging non-members for plots in the cemetery and to decide on the amount of the charge if it was instituted.

In September, 1971 a recognition service was held for members of the Girls Auxiliary. Karen Hawkins was crowned Queen with Scepter, and Rachel Byrd, Robin Carmichael, Jackie Hawkins and Vicky Webster were crowned Queens.

Messengers from Mount Adar to the 1971 Session of the Mount Zion Baptist Association were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Pelfrey, Mrs. Sandra Briggs, and Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr.

By the beginning of 1972, the value of the church building had increased from \$30,000 to \$40,000 and the value of the parsonage had increased from \$11,000 to \$25,000. The amount of insurance on this property was increased to reflect the appreciated value.

Messengers to the 1972 Session of the Mount Zion Association were the Rev. Ronald Pelfrey, Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., Mrs. H. E. Jobe, Mrs. Sandra Briggs, and Mrs. Nancy Crabtree.

Debra Ward served as choir director and Melvin Ward was elected treasurer. A committee was elected to set up a youth council and a fact-finding committee for the proposed building fund was elected.

Early in 1973 the church accepted the following recommendation from the deacons: A plan to approve, to implement, and to construct a multi-purpose building (a single story 30 by 60 foot building) which would serve the needs of various church organizations and, secondly, which would serve as a facility for fellowship under the direct supervision of a church-elected building committee as directed by the church. The beginning phase would be a planning phase lasting six to nine months. In September the church accepted the motion to construct the building at a cost of approximately \$30,000. L. J. and Nancy Rogers donated part of the land for the building and the parking area.

The church minutes of July 15 show that the church accepted the following motion: "Feeling that Mount Adar Baptist Church ought to oppose liquor as a moral evil, we recommend that the church contribute \$25 to the Christian Action league of North Carolina, Inc. This support by us will enable the C.A.L. to fight against the state-wide vote for liquor by-the-drink to be decided on November 6."

Mr. Pelfry resigned in July in order to serve a full-time church. His assesment of his service at Mount Adar was, "During this time the church sustained a vigorous ministry in a rural setting. There were not any dramatic increases or decreases in those three years . . . a very stable and continuing ministry. Nine precious people became Christians while I was pastor. The people at Mount Adar are a caring people. They cared for their pastor."

Registered messengers to the 1973 Session of the Mount Zion Baptist Association were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Moore, Mrs. Nonie Stewart, and Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr.

Total gifts for the year were \$10,996 and total gifts to missions was \$400.

Persons serving as officers of Mount Adar in 1973 included L. J. Rogers, Jr., chairman of deacons, Larry Rogers, superintendent of Sunday School, Lois Hawkins, WMU director, Melvin Ward, treasurer, Yvonne Rogers, church clerk, Debra Ward, music director, Melinda Parker, pianist, and Mrs. Lewis F. (Sybil Paramore) Moore, librarian.

Several ministers served as supply preachers for services until the Rev. Jack D. Church was called as pastor, beginning his term of service in November, 1973. In addition to Mr. Church, the family consisted of Mrs. Church (Jean), and two children, a son, Steve and a daughter, Sandy.

By the spring of 1974 the contractor for the fellowship building had been paid off, a total of \$25,000. Payments dropped from \$286 a month to \$245 a month, to continue for fifteen years. The building committee serving during this construction project was composed of L. J. Rogers, Jr. and Millard Roberts, co-chairmen, Mrs. Blanche Rogers, Mrs. Burch Cummings (Eulalia Ward) Wray, Donnie Carver, Lewis Moore, and Marvin Rogers.

The church adopted the by-laws and the revision of the constitution drawn up by a committee appointed in 1973. Two new methods of outreach were undertaken by the church, a tape ministry for shut-ins and a deacon visitation program.

In August of 1974 a recongition service for members of the Girls Auxiliary was held with Karen Hawkins recognized as a Service Aide. Jackie Hawkins was crowned Queen with Scepter and Cheryl Roberts and Cheri Hawkins were crowned Queens.

Cheryl Roberts served as church pianist for two years, beginning in 1974.

Messengers to the 1974 Session of the Mount Zion Association were the Rev. Jack D. Church, Mrs. Lacy (Dora Webster) Carmichael, Mrs. Nonie Stewart, Mrs. J. O. Hawkins, Jr., Mr. and Mrs.

Lewis F. Moore, Mr. Clarence N. Sharpe, Mrs. Clarence N. (Erma Hawkins) Sharpe, Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., Mrs. H. E. Jobe, and Mrs. Nancy Crabtree.

The same persons continued to serve in key leadership positions in 1975 and 1976 except that Nancy Rogers served as president of the Woman's Missionary Union, Cheri Hawkins served as librarian, and Jackie Hawkins served as pianist. Sunday School enrollment increased to 83 with an average attendance of 62. The church began an investigation into the feasibility of a retirement plan for the pastor.

Messengers to the 1975 Session of the Mount Zion Association were the Rev. Jack Church, Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Sharpe, Mrs. Nancy Rogers, Mrs. H. E. Jobe, Mrs. Nancy Crabtree, and Mrs. Sybil Moore.

The Bicentennial of the United States was observed at Mount Adar Church on Sunday, July 27, 1976 as a salute to America's two hundredth birthday and to the pioneers of faith

who helped shape Mount Adar Baptist Church and the community it serves.

Attending the 1976 Session of the Mount Zion Association as messengers from Mount Adar were the Rev. Jack Church, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Sharpe, Mrs. H. E. Jobe, Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., and Mrs. Nancy Crabtree.

Mr. Church resigned as pastor early in 1977 and in March of that year the Rev. Ernie Keck began his pastorate at Mount Adar. He and Mrs. Keck (Patricia "Pat" Wells) became parents of a daughter, Kelli, born February 2, 1980. A second daughter, Christy, was born December 21, 1981, after they had left Mount Adar. Mr. and Mrs. Keck also had a foster daughter, Jennifer Carter, who lived with them from October, 1978, until July, 1980, and visited regularly as long as they were at Mount Adar. In a recent letter the Keck family reported, "The people at Mount Adar loved Jennifer dearly. She was a valuable part of our ministry. Another significant part of our work at Mount Adar was the ministry to the migrants."

Messengers from Mount Adar Church to the 1977 Session of the Mount Zion Baptist Association were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Sharpe and Mrs. Sybil Moore.

During this time, a road was cut through the cemetery, a new roof was installed on the church building and extensive repairs and improvements to the parsonage were completed. Draperies were installed in the fellowship building and a new vacuum cleaner was purchased. Mrs. Russell (Melinda Parker) Ward served as church pianist in 1977 and 1978.

Messengers to the 1978 Session of the Mount Zion Association were The Rev. and Mrs. Ernie Keck, Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Sharpe, Mrs. Sybil Moore, Miss Mary Elizabeth Hawkins, Mrs. Nonie Stewart, and Miss Eunice Hawkins. Total church membership for 1978 was 92, total gifts were \$18,050 and total gifts to missions were \$1,669.

Messengers to the 1979 Session of the Mount Zion Association were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Sharpe and Mrs. Sybil Moore. Sunday School enrollment was 61 and Vacation Bible School enrollment was 50. Total gifts were \$24,244 and total mission gifts were \$1,761.

The church contributed to the fund set up by the Mount Zion Association for two Vietnamese families. Larry Rogers, L. J. Rogers, Jr., and Donnie Carver served terms as superintendent of Sunday School during this period. Bernice Briggs served as treasurer and Yvonne Rogers and Mrs. Donnie (Kathy Rudd) Carver served terms as church clerk. Nancy Rogers served as president of the Woman's Missionary Union, Yvonne Rogers served as choir director and chairman of the deacons was Clarence Sharpe. Kathy Carver served as church pianist during 1979 and 1980.

Mount Adar messengers to the 1980 Session of the Mount Zion Baptist Association were the Rev. and Mrs. Ernie Keck, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Sharpe, Mrs. L. J. Rogers, Sr., Mrs. Sybil P. Moore, Mrs. H. E. Jobe, and Mrs. Sandra Briggs. The following statistics for Mount Adar were taken from the 1980 digest of church letters: membership, 86; total gifts, \$20,556; gifts to missions, \$1,818. Other tables in Associational minutes gave the value of the total property of Mount Adar as \$85,000 and the church debt as \$2,093. L. J. Rogers, Jr. was Sunday School superintendent and Sunday school enrollment was 55. Vacation Bible School enrollment was 35. Church officers listed included Bernice Briggs,

treasurer, Yvonne Rogers, music director, Nancy Rogers, WMU director, Kathy Carver, church clerk, and Clarence Sharpe, chairman of the deacons.

At the beginning of the 1980-1981 church year, the WMU decided to discontinue the annual WMU Fall Festival, held since 1951 when the Rev. W. H. Rittenhouse, Sr. was pastor. At the request of the WMU, the church voted to take an offering each November to finance the WMU expenses and projects. This offering is to be called the Harvest Offering.

In June, 1981 Mr. Keck accepted a call to Riverside Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Mr. Keck returned to the Mount Zion Baptist Association when he became pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in 1983.

Following the resignation of Mr. Keck in May 1981, Dr. D. D. (Jack) Gross, retired East Carolina University professor and an ordained Southern Baptist minister, served as interim pastor until the Rev. Norman B. Harris began his pastorate October 25 that same year. The new pastor's family included his wife, Judy Wells Harris, and two sons, four-year-old Jason and three-year-old Adam.

Mr. Harris was in the second year of his work toward the Master of Divinity degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He had received the call to enter the ministry in 1980 and had resigned from his work to begin preparation toward following his calling. The Harris family was living in Arlington, Virginia where he held a position as Regional Director with the Department of Rehabilitative Services for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mrs. Harris, a radiation oncology technologist, was employed at Arlington Hospital in Arlington. Upon moving to the Mount Adar community, she accepted employment at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham.

At the beginning of this period church membership stood at 86, 71 active members and 15 inactive members. The Sunday School enrollment was 50 with an average attendance of 32. The value of the church property was appraised at \$85,000, \$35,000 for the parsonage and \$50,000 for the church buildings. Total receipts for 1981 were \$20,670 and expenditures were \$14,231 for local expenses and \$2,302, 11%, for missions.

Persons serving in the various church offices included Donnie Carver, director of the Sunday School, Yvonne Rogers, choir director, Melinda Ward, pianist, Bernice Briggs, treasurer, and Kathy Carver, church clerk.

Messengers to the 1981 Session of the Mount Zion Baptist Association included Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Sharpe, Mrs. Sybil P. Moore, Mrs. Blanche S. Rogers, Mrs. Lois W. Hawkins, Mrs. H. E. Jobe, and Mrs. Dora Carmichael. Mrs. Rogers also served on the Association Memorials Committee.

In service through its own community and to the larger community through cooperation with other Baptist churches in the Mount Zion Baptist Association, Mount Adar addressed many of the problems facing an increasingly pluralistic society. This concern is evidenced by the resolutions included in the minutes of the 1981 Session of the Association. They included such wide ranging concerns as racial intolerance, freedom of speech, responsibility of providing adequate education for all children, and the call to be advocates for the poor, the hurting and the elderly wherever they are in God's creation.

Mr. Harris was ordained to the gospel ministry on March 21, 1982 at Mount Adar Baptist Church. Participants in the service included The Rev. Clyde Finley, pastor of

Riverside Baptist Church, Woodbridge, Virginia, who gave the ordination sermon, The Rev. Richard Shaw, pastor of Lea Bethel Baptist Church in Caswell County, who gave the charge to the candidate, and Dr. Howard Silver, Director of Missions, Mount Zion Baptist Association, who gave the charge to the church.

In 1982 the Mount Zion Baptist Association, with assistance from the Baptist State Convention, began a part-time chaplaincy ministry to the inmates of the two prison units within the Association - Graham and Hillsborough. A member of Mount Adar, Jack Gross, served as interim chaplain during the first few months of this venture. The following is an excerpt from the report of Prison Chaplain David V. Morton in the 1982 Association minutes.

Dr. Jack Gross began the ministry in February, 1982 to the Orange County and Alamance County Prison Units. From February to June, Dr. Gross laid valuable groundwork to beginning this vital ministry. During those months, Dr. Gross secured and gained rapport (with staff and inmates), respect, and a working relationship with each of the units. Dr. Gross tendered his resignation and David V. Morton began chaplaincy services June 1, 1982.

Two projects organized for the youth of Mount Adar in 1982 included a two-day retreat conducted in the spring by Mark McMasters, known as the Master's Mime. He used pantomime and clowning to depict the message of Jesus' love for all people. In August the Mount Zion Baptist Association sponsored a youth worker for the church.

In October, 1982, the church voted to sponsor Jackie Hawkins, daughter of John O. and Lois Hawkins, as a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mount Adar pledged its support of her in name as well as with \$200 each semester to help with her expenses as she pursued her studies in the field of pastoral care.

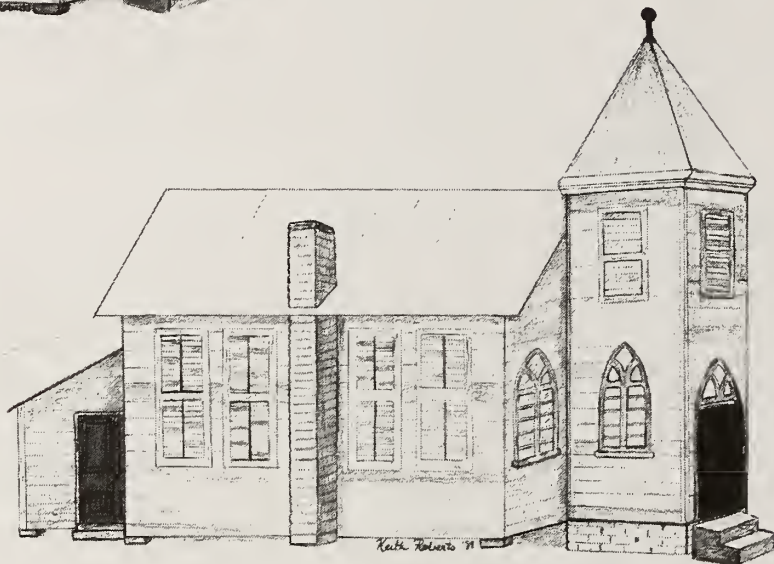
In 1982 an altar service consisting of a brass cross and candle holders was presented to the church by Mrs. Addie Allen Blanchard and Mr. Finley Blanchard in memory of Mrs. Blanchard's parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Allen. Mr. Allen died in May 1946. Mrs. Allen, the former Mallie Francis Walters died January 1963. Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard were married in May 1929. At the time of their marriage, Mrs. Blanchard was a member of Mount Adar church. The young couple set up housekeeping in Burlington and joined the First Baptist Church of Burlington. They had one child, a daughter, Doris Jeanne Blanchard Desper, who died May 10, 1963 at the age of 33. They later left North Carolina to return after retirement to live in Mebane. They joined Mount Adar Baptist Church where Mrs. Blanchard continues to be a faithful member.

Messengers to the 1982 Session of the Association included the Rev. Norman Harris, D. D. Gross, Mrs. Sybil Moore, Mrs. Blanche Rogers, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Sharpe. An item of interest from a historical point of view which appeared in the Minutes of the 1982 meeting was a reference in the History of McDuffie Memorial Church to the dedication in 1892 of the first building for Mount Adar Baptist Church.

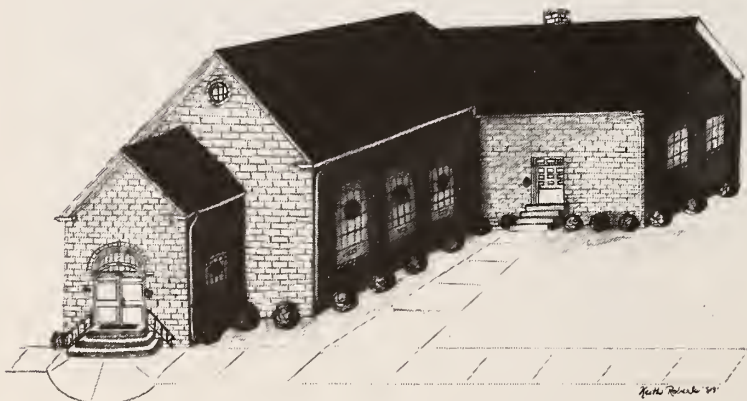
Lois Hawkins was elected president of Baptist Women in 1982, Larry Rogers was elected director of the Sunday School and Sandra Briggs was elected treasurer.



First Church Building
1892



Remodeled Church Building
1926



Sunday School Rooms Added
1947



Present Day Church Building



Mount Adar Cemetery



Mount Adar Parsonage
Built in 1960

Early in 1983 several projects to upgrade and repair the church property were begun. A hallway connecting the main church building with the fellowship building was constructed. The church buildings and the parsonage were repainted. An area inside the fellowship building was converted into a study for the pastor and appropriate furniture and equipment was secured. New carpet was installed in the sanctuary and in the two side rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Russell contributed funds to provide cushions for the benches. Mrs. Russell (Polly Rogers) is a former member of Mount Adar Baptist Church.

Messengers to the 1983 Session of the Mount Zion Baptist Association included the Rev. Norman Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Sharpe, Mrs. Blanche Rogers, Mrs. Sybil Moore, and Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Gross. For the second time, Dr. Gross served the Association as interim Prison Chaplain.

In February 1984, Mr. Harris was sent by the church to Haiti for a ten-day mission project. During this stay, he conducted services, visited and counseled with the people, and took part in a group baptism in which over 150 persons were baptized. Mr. Harris' account of this experience follows.

"In February, 1984 I had the privilege of going to Fort Liberte, Haiti to share the Gospel of Christ. During our time there we preached, taught, visited and learned. We also did physical labor as we completed work on the school building operated by the New Jerusalem Church. My most memorable experience was in baptizing about 50 new Christians in the bay at Fort Liberte. The Haitians use public baptisms as a powerful witness to the life changing power of Jesus Christ. At least 500 non-Christians gathered along the shore to see what was happening. As the new Christians entered the water to be baptized the minister of the church preached to the crowds. It made me feel as if we were on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. I could not speak their language and they could not speak ours, but we shared the joyous bond of love in Christ Jesus.

"This experience changed my outlook on Foreign Missions forever and I will always be thankful to God for the mission mindedness and generous support of the good people at Mount Adar for making this experience in my life possible."

In July, 1984 the church voted to send a letter to the BIBLICAL RECORDER expressing opposition to Resolution #9 concerning tobacco production and usage passed at the State Baptist Convention.

Messengers to the 1984 Session of the Association were the Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Sharpe, and Mrs. Sybil P. Moore. Mount Adar members serving on committees for the Association included Mrs. Sandra Briggs, Committee on Enrollment and D. D. Gross, Prison Ministry Committee.

At this time there was a vigorous program of music for the youth of the church led by Debra Ward. In October, 1984 the youth choir presented a musical which was received with considerable enthusiasm by Mount Adar Church and was subsequently presented on several

other occasions to groups in the area.

Mr. Harris resigned the pastorate of Mount Adar Church effective November 11, 1984 to accept a call to serve Swift Creek Baptist Church in Colonial Heights, Virginia.

The Harris family contributed much to the development of the church during the years they were in the community. Mr. Harris' excellent voice was a welcome addition to the Mount Adar choir and to several choral groups. Mrs. Harris also sang in the choir, taught the youth Sunday School class, led the Girls' Auxiliary and Mission Friends and was an active member of the Baptist Women's organization. At the time of Mr. Harris' resignation, church membership stood at 97 and Sunday School enrollment was 67. Total receipts for that year were \$29,852 and total local expenditures were \$22,378. Missions offerings totaled \$3235, 11% of the total receipts

Following the resignation of Mr. Harris, D. D. Gross was elected to serve as interim pastor.

In December, 1984 the combined youth and adult choirs presented "Home for Christmas," a musical composed by Don Wyrzten and Phil and Lynne Brower, at an evening service at Mount Adar and also at a later date to the inmates at the Alamance County Prison Unit in Graham. The adult choir was directed by Yvonne Rogers and the youth choir was directed by Debra Ward.

The Rev. Bryan Jeffcoat accepted the call to serve Mount Adar beginning May 12, 1985. He and his wife, Marie, and their young son, Chris, moved into the parsonage as soon as school was out in June. Mount Adar was the first pastorate for Mr. Jeffcoat, who was a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In July the church voted to increase its funding for the Mount Zion Association and also participated in a special offering for the work of the Association. A committee composed of Nancy Rogers, Laura Ward, Jack Gross, Sandra Briggs and Bryan Jeffcoat was elected to revise the church constitution. Bill Oakley was elected chair of the deacons and Mrs. Jerry (Donna Thomas) Dooley was employed as church pianist. Marvin Self was elected a deacon and was ordained on November 17.

In October 1985, the combined youth choirs of Mount Adar Baptist Church and Cedar Grove Methodist Church, forming a group of twenty-five individuals, produced a musical entitled "Jesus Never Fails," created and arranged by John Lee and John Rosasco. This was presented at the Cedar Grove Methodist Church two nights with attendance each night of over 300 people. In November this production was presented at the Efland Methodist Church with over 200 people attending. Debra Ward directed the choirs and wrote the script which accompanied the music. Persons assisting with the production were Yvonne Rogers, Karen Liner, Vickie Compton, and Barbara Pope. Joe Pope worked the sound system. Dennis Ward and Larry Rogers were in charge of lighting and Jim Powell was in charge of video.

The young people of Mount Adar were encouraged to develop their musical talents and often participated in productions by the adult choir directed by Yvonne Rogers. Allison Scott sang with both the youth choir and the adult choir. Kim Rogers, Lisa Ward, and Michele Rogers periodically accompanied pianist Donna Dooley on the flute. Dawn Briggs and Billy Rogers served as soloists and Billy often sang with Debra Ward. Traci Briggs and Kim Rogers served as assistant pianists at times. Tracie composed a song entitled "Someone's Knocking at Your Door," writing both words and music, and presented it on several occasions.

Keith Roberts sang with the youth choir and also helped design and build scenery for the musical productions presented by the choir. He and Donna Dooley did some repair work on the mural in the baptistery when new equipment was being installed.

Messengers to the 1985 Session of the Mount Zion Association were the Rev. Bryan Jeffcoat, D. D. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Sharpe, and Mrs. Sybil Moore. D. D. Gross served on the Prison Ministry Committee and also on the Resolutions Committee.

One resolution adopted by the Association is of historical interest in that it

“Affirms, supports and restates the response of the Pastors’ Conference of the Mount Zion Association to certain events of this summer, to wit: We affirm our faith in the Holy Bible as the inspired record of God’s revelation of Himself to us. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction, with God as its author, salvation for its end and it is without any mixture of error. The criterion for interpreting the Bible is Jesus Christ. We also reaffirm the historic Baptist belief that every person is competent before God to read and interpret scripture with the aid of the Holy Spirit.

“We reaffirm the historic Baptist belief that each local congregation is autonomous and competent to determine its own particular life and ministry and answers only to God for its stewardship of the Gospel.”

Mount Adar participated in the World Missions Conference held in November 1985. During the four-day conference, different missionaries came to the church and told of their work in their several fields. In addition to its participation, the church contributed \$300 toward the expenses of the conference.

The church decided to dispense with the practice of giving treat bags to church members at Christmas. The money saved from this action will be used to assist a needy family in the community.

In 1985 Barry Hopkins served as director of the Sunday School which had an enrollment of 57 and Mrs. Bobby (Cheri Hawkins) Johnson was director of the choir. Lois Hawkins was president of the WMU which had an enrollment of 41, 21 in the youth groups and 20 in the Baptist Women. Sandra Briggs was treasurer and Melinda Ward was church clerk.

Early in 1986 the church elected an accounting committee to count the weekly offerings and post the totals. The church funds were moved to another institution and the church treasurer was given the authority to transfer funds between checking and savings as necessary to keep the church expenses current. The finance committee was asked to examine the church financial system and to bring any recommendations for change to the church before the end of September 1986.

In April, the youth of the church gave an Italian Supper to raise funds for travel expenses for the youth choir. The Fellowship building was decorated to resemble an Italian restaurant and the youth served as waiters. Debra Ward directed this production which netted over \$200.

On April 14 Mount Adar church was host to the Mount Zion Baptist Association for the Quarterly Business meeting. Action taken included the decision to develop and implement an organizational and administrative structure that will enable and encourage Christian groups and individuals other than those from Mount Zion Baptist Association to participate fully in the support and direction of the Prison Ministry provided to Alamance and Orange Prison Units. An associational food supply is to be established at Northside Baptist Church and donations will be received from churches in the association.

In May, the Youth Choir, led by Debra Ward, accepted an invitation to the Swift Creek Baptist Church in Colonial Heights, Virginia to present a musical program. Norman Harris, former pastor of Mount Adar, and pastor at Swift Creek at that time, sang with the Mount Adar youth for this presentation.

In the summer of 1986, former Mount Adar pastor, the Rev. Bill Brogden, donated \$1000 to the church to be used for whatever purpose the church chose. The decision was made to use the money to increase the pastor's salary to \$200 per week.

Barry Hopkins and Melvin Ward were elected to replace John Oscar Hawkins and Marvin Rogers as deacons, who, in keeping with the system of rotation, must take at least one year off from serving as deacons. Bill Oakley was elected director of the Sunday School and Yvonne Rogers replaced Cheri Johnson as choir director. Mrs. Johnson and her husband, Bobby, moved their membership to a church nearer their place of residence. Jackie Oakley was elected president of the WMU.

Messengers to the 1986 Session of the Mount Zion Association were the Rev. Bryan Jeffcoat, D. D. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Sharpe, and Mrs. Sybil Moore. Bryan Jeffcoat served on the Committee on Place and Preacher, and D. D. Gross served on the Prison Ministry Committee and was chair of the Resolution Committee.

On April 5, 1987, Mount Adar Baptist Church ordained Jackie Hawkins Allen to the Christian ministry. The Rev. Mrs. Allen, daughter of John Oscar and Lois Hawkins, is the second member of Mount Adar to be ordained. The other one was Robert Frazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Frazier, in June, 1952. These figures do not include the two pastors, the Rev. Frank D. Metcalf, 1959, and the Rev. Norman Harris, 1982, who were ordained after they came to serve the church.

Mrs. Allen is the first woman to be ordained by Mount Adar. Several women have been ordained in the Mount Zion Baptist Association and one of them, The Rev. Charla Baer Littell of Burlington First Baptist Church, delivered the charge to the candidate. Mrs. Littell, a chaplain at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, is also the chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator for Hospice of Alamance. The Rev. Norman Harris, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elon College and pastor at Mount Adar when Mrs. Allen entered the seminary, delivered the charge to the church. The Rev. A. Napier Baker, Director of the Department of Pastoral Care at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, delivered the ordination sermon. The Rev. Bryan Jeffcoat, pastor of Mount Adar Baptist Church, made the presentation.

Prior to the service a musical meditation of selections by Chopin, Paderewski, Tchaikowsky, Handel and Bach, arranged by Mrs. Donna Dooley, was presented. Mrs. Dooley at the piano was accompanied by Miss Michele Rogers on the flute. The Rev. Tim Allen, husband of the candidate,

sang "Prayer in Plainsong" from Divinum Mysterium as the service opened. During the Laying on of Hands and the Ordination Prayer, he presented a guitar meditation.

Jackie Hawkins and James Timothy Allen, of Cayce, South Carolina, were married June 2, 1984 while they were both students at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Each of them earned the Master of Divinity Degree from Southeastern, Mrs. Allen's in pastoral care and Mr. Allen's in languages. At the time this history is being written, Mrs. Allen is serving as a chaplain with Hospice of Alamance in Burlington and Mr. Allen is a student at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill working toward a Masters Degree in Religious Studies.

In the spring of 1987 a church directory was published and a community-wide survey was taken with the results to be used by the outreach committee.

Barry Hopkins was elected director of the Sunday School, Marie Jeffcoat was elected president of the WMU and Yvonne Rogers was elected church clerk. The recommendation that the Harvest offering be allocated for use by the building and grounds committee was approved in 1988.

Messengers from Mount Adar to the 1987 Session of the Mount Zion Baptist Association were the Rev. Bryan Jeffcoat, D. D. Gross, Clarence N. Sharpe, and Sybil P. Moore. Mount Adar members serving on Association committees included the Rev. Bryan Jeffcoat, Committee on Place and Preacher, and D. D. Gross, Prison Ministry Committee and Resolutions Committee chair.

The 1987 Annual of the Mount Zion Baptist Association includes a report of the Resolutions Committee which speaks to the controversy presently threatening the historic beliefs of Southern Baptists. The Resolutions Committee was composed of the following people: D. D. Gross (Mount Adar), chairman, Erie French (Northside), Jimmy Nickelston (Alamance, First), Barbara Mayo (Burlington, First), and Paul West (Swepsonville). The report speaks to the following principles.

"The Baptist Faith and Message" of Southern Baptists is based upon the competency of the soul in religion...The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ...The New Testament church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In such a congregation members are equally responsible. Its Scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all ages...God alone is Lord of the conscience...Church and state should be separate...The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends...Under the principle of the competency of the soul in religion and under the principle of the autonomy of the local church we reaffirm the right, freedom and legitimacy under the Lordship of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to examine, recommend, and ordain any member of that church whom God has called either as deacon or minister of the Gospel without regard to race, gender, or social

status...Under the principle of the separation of church and state, individual Baptists as citizens are encouraged to participate in the political process as they are led of the Lord. On the other hand, we hold it a breach of the principle of separation of church and state for any organized body or agency of the Southern Baptist Convention as such to endorse any particular political party or candidate for public office or to endorse any particular nominee for appointment to a political office.

The full text of Resolutions IV and V is in the appendix.

The following excerpt from pages 19 and 20 of the 1987 Association Minutes recounts discussion preceding the passage of the above resolution.

Jack Gross made a motion that Resolution V from the printed report be accepted, seconded by Chris Ayers, Bethel.

Glenn Hunnicutt, Fellowship, requested the floor and asked messengers to vote against items (1) and (4) in Resolution V based on chapters 2 and 3 of I Timothy. He stated that God did not intend for women to be deacons or pastors and that messengers needed to cooperate by voting against these items.

Jack Gross responded that these Resolution items do not say who shall be ordained but rather they recognize the autonomy of the individual churches to make that decision. He further stated that the items are not a condemnation to the Southern Baptist Convention but that they simply state the positions that have historically defined us and identified us as Southern Baptists.

Dale Steele, Burlington First, stated that the Resolution expresses the autonomy of the church and does not impose the wishes of any one church over another. He urged support of the Resolution in its entirety.

Chris Ayers, Bethel, shared the positive experiences in his church concerning the ordination of a woman to ministry and two women as deacons. He said they have taught what it means to be spiritual leaders and servants. He asked who are we to discourage God's people from accepting God's call and further asked wouldn't it be a disgrace if we have failed to offer prayers and support of one called by God. He praised the work of the Ordinations Committee and said the Resolution would make it easier for churches to send candidates to the Committee.

Motion carried by large majority.

In January 1988, the church decided to adopt the expanded church annuity plan. Twenty dollars per month will be deducted from the pastor's salary as a tax-deferred employee contribution to the annuity retirement fund. The Rev. Bill Brogden, former pastor, notified the church that he will be sending his tithe to Mount Adar for the time being.

In the summer and autumn months there is a large contingent of migrant laborers in the church area, so in July of 1988 the church made its building available for worship services to be conducted in Spanish each Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Bain Daniels, former missionary to South America.

In September a committee composed of Larry Rogers, Sandra Briggs, and Nancy Rogers was elected to revise the section of church constitution dealing with the election of deacons. Later that month three deacons were elected, Clarence N. Sharpe, L. J. Rogers, Jr., and Sandra Hawkins Briggs. Mrs. Briggs is the first woman to be elected a deacon at Mount Adar Church. She was ordained on Sunday October 23, 1988.

Messengers to the 1988 Session of the Association included the Rev. Bryan Jeffcoat, Sybil P. Moore, and Clarence N. Sharpe. Mount Adar members serving on Association committees include the Rev. Bryan Jeffcoat, Committee on Place and Preacher, and D. D. Gross, Ordinations Committee.

Persons holding church offices at the beginning of the 1988-1989 church year included L. J. Rogers, Jr., director of the Sunday School, Yvonne Rogers, music director, Donna Dooley, church pianist, Mrs. Barry (Sandi) Hopkins, Missions Coordinator and church librarian, Yvonne Rogers, Baptist Women president, Sandra Briggs, treasurer, Jackie Oakley, church clerk, and L. J. Rogers, Jr., chairman of deacons.

Total church membership was 106, reflecting ten additions in the past year—six by baptism and four by transfer. Sunday School enrollment was sixty and Vacation Bible School enrollment was 36. WMU enrollment was thirty-two, sixteen in the youth organizations and sixteen Baptist Women. Total receipts for the year were \$39,375 and total expenditures were \$34,113. Total gifts were \$4,647 dispersed as follows: cooperative program, \$1,265, Mount Zion Baptist Association, \$1,636, state missions, \$250, home missions, \$435, foreign missions, \$650, Baptist hospital, \$105, and Baptist Homes for the aged, \$105. The total value of Mount Adar Church property is \$200,000, with the parsonage valued at \$62,300.

On October 16, Mr. Jeffcoat presented his resignation as pastor, to be effective October 31, 1988. He had been called to serve the Old Lexington Baptist Church in Leesville, South Carolina.

The Jeffcoat family enriched the entire church program during their three years service. Mr. Jeffcoat, often accompanied by Mrs. Jeffcoat, regularly visited shut-ins, the sick, and others in need of pastoral care. Mr. Jeffcoat sang in the choir and with other choral groups. He led the church in developing a dignified worship service but one in which there was also a feeling of friendliness and fellowship. Young Chris was active in Sunday School, RA's and the Youth Choir and Mrs. Jeffcoat served as WMU director and was a leader in several youth groups. Her devoted leadership in the area of mission activities is reflected in the increase in mission activities and offerings.

Following Mr. Jeffcoat's resignation, D. D. Gross was elected to serve as interim pastor. The church elected a pastor search committee composed of Barry Hopkins, chair, Nancy Rogers, Mrs. Scott (Dawn Briggs) McClintock, Mrs. Tom (Irene Blalock) Scott, and Clarence N. Sharpe. Later, Mrs. McClintock resigned and Russell Ward was elected to replace her.

In January of 1989 a series of lectures concerning Baptist history was presented by Dr. Howard Silver, Director of Missions for the Mount Zion Baptist Association.

The beginning of 1989 found Mount Adar busily planning for the observance of its centennial. Nancy Rogers, Mrs. Bill (Jackie McAdams) Oakley, Lois Hawkins, Mrs. Millard (Shirley Hall) Roberts and Jack Gross served as a Centennial Planning Committee with Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Oakley as co-chairs.

The calendar date of the one hundredth birthday of the church was March 8, 1989. On the Sunday following that date, March 12, 1989, a pageant depicting the organization of the church was presented at the morning worship hour. The pageant was written and directed by Debra Oakley Ward. Keith Roberts designed and sketched the cover for the bulletin.

The pageant opened with three present-day teens, played by Kim Rogers, Keith Roberts, and Kim Ward, discovering a copy of the first book of minutes of Mount Adar Baptist Church. As they read about the organization of the church, the scene is depicted by the following people, dressed in clothes similar to those worn in the 1880's: D. D. Gross, Traci Briggs, Sandra Briggs, Jerry Dooley, Tennala Gross, Lois Hawkins, Jackie Oakley, Bill Oakley and Larry Rogers. Yvonne Rogers assisted Debra Ward with props and other arrangements.

A special guest for this service was Mrs. Milton A. (Hallie Whitted) McDade, daughter of W. H. and Vera Alberta Compton Whitted. W. H. Whitted was a charter member of Mount Adar and Vera Alberta Compton Whitted was the daughter of a charter member of Mount Adar, A. J. Compton and his wife, Martha. Mrs. McDade lives in Mebane and is the closest link Mount Adar has to its charter members.

This portion of the history of Mount Adar Baptist Church closes with the service held on March 12, 1989.

Mount Adar Baptist Church is located in the northeastern corner of the area included in the Mount Zion Baptist Association. The church building is in Orange County but the members live in three different counties, Alamance, Caswell, and Orange. The young people of Mount Adar attend schools in three different systems and members of Mount Adar are on different telephone exchanges so that some of them must use long distance telephone service to conduct the affairs of the church.

Mount Adar Church is located in a farming community so the population is sparse compared to that of many urban or suburban churches and there is not a steady influx of new residents from which to draw members. With births, deaths, young people leaving the community to work elsewhere, and new families moving into the community, the membership remains fairly constant. For example, the membership in 1960 was 103; at the beginning of 1989 it was 106.

Members of the church work in cooperation with the Mount Zion Baptist Association, with the Allied Churches of Alamance County and with other community agencies. Groups from Mount Adar regularly serve at the Good Shepherd Kitchen in Burlington which provides free hot lunches each week day. Groups provide services and supplies at the "Oasis," the Association booth at the Jockey Ridge flea market, at the "Right Turn Truckers Chapel" on Interstate 85, and at the Prospect Hill Health Clinic. They contribute supplies regularly to the Association Food Pantry and to the Mount Zion Baptist Association Thrift Store opened in 1988. Mount Adar members regularly provide supplies for migrant families and for inmates of the Alamance and Orange prison units and for the NC Correctional Institute for Women. They assist with an annual picnic for migrant families, with birthday parties for prison inmates and with activities for the Baptist Student Union at Elon College. Supplies are gathered regularly for families which need help and at Christmas, toys are provided for the children. Gifts are taken to shut-ins and residents of nursing homes and they are visited periodically throughout the year.

So ends "A Century of Remembrance"

APPENDIX

EXCERPT FROM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT MOUNT ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, NORTH CAROLINA 1987 Annual, pages 36 and 37.

IV. BE IT RESOLVED that we affirm our acceptance of "The Baptist Faith and Message" as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention and published by the Sunday School Board; and at this particular time especially emphasize the following statements from "The Baptist Faith and Message:"

(1) THE BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE: "The Baptist Faith and Message of Southern Baptists is based upon the competency of the soul in religion. Those who drew up the original statement in 1924-25 were careful to safeguard the individual conscience. The committee which revised it in 1962-63 retained this safeguard. The preamble clearly states that the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Confessions are only guides in interpretation, having no authority over conscience....If the Convention does not bind the individual conscience, neither should any group or any person within its fellowship endeavor to do so. Whatever the problems which may arise, Baptists must continue to hold to their basic and distinct principle of the competency of the soul in religion. For this is the rock whence they are hewn."(p.12)

"There is no such thing as 'the Baptist faith' or 'the historic Baptist faith.' These phrases imply a creedal faith, something which Baptists have always avoided. There are certain basic things generally held by Baptists today as through past years. But underlying all of them has been the principle of soul competency in religion."(p.10)

(2) THE SCRIPTURES: "The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its Author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ."(p.18)

(3) THE CHURCH: "A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to His teachings, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth."

"This church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic process under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In such a congregation members are equally responsible. Its Scriptural officers are pastors and deacons.

"The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all ages."(p.74)

(4) CHURCH AND STATE: "God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained

in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil Governments being of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.”(p.139)

V. (1) BE IT RESOLVED that under the principle of the competency of the soul in religion and under the principle of the autonomy of the local church that we, the messengers to Mount Zion Baptist Association, meeting in Annual Session, October 19-20, 1987 reaffirm the right, freedom and legitimacy of the local church under the Lordship of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to examine, recommend, and ordain any member of that church whom God has called either as deacon or minister of the Gospel without regard to race, gender, or social status.

(2) BE IT RESOLVED further that under the principle of the separation of church and state, we encourage individual Baptists as citizens to participate in the political process as they are led of the Lord. On the other hand, we hold it a breach of the principle of separation of church and state for any organized body or agency of the Southern Baptist Convention as such to endorse any particular political party or candidate for public office or to endorse any particular nominee for appointment to a political office.

(3) BE IT RESOLVED that we express our continued prayerful and monetary support to our Southern Baptist Seminaries: Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and also our North Carolina Fruitland Bible Institute - and be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to each institution named and to each president of the seminaries.

(4) Finally BE IT RESOLVED that resolution five (V) be sent to the President, the Public Affairs Committee, and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the President of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Biblical Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,
D. D. Gross, Chairman
Resolutions Committee

MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERY WHICH SERVED AT THE ORGANIZATION OF MOUNT ADAR BAPTIST CHURCH

The Reverend Albert Thompson Hord

At the time Mount Adar Church was organized, the Rev. A. T. Hord was pastor of the Burlington Baptist Church, which in 1913 changed its name to First Baptist Church of Burlington. He became Mount Adar's first pastor and it is possible that he served both churches simultaneously since each church held services only once a month.

The Reverend John Henry Vernon

The Rev. John Henry Vernon was pastor of the Clement Baptist Church in the Bushy Fork section of Person County from 1875 to 1882. He served twice as pastor of this church but the dates of his other pastorate are not available. He was a graduate of Wake Forest College and was married to Miss Anna Allen of Person County.

Mr. Vernon and Miss Mattie Compton, a charter member of Mount Adar Baptist Church were married December 11, 1895. Mr. Vernon transferred his membership from the Polloksville Baptist Church to Mount Adar Baptist Church by letter March 22, 1896. Miss Mary Vernon was admitted into the membership of Mount Adar Church by baptism on September 11, 1898. It is possible that Mary Vernon was a daughter of Mr. Vernon by a previous marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon and Miss Mary Vernon left Mount Adar Church March 11, 1890 to move to Wake Forest. Mrs. Vernon returned to Mount Adar September 9, 1918. She died in 1928 and is buried in the Mount Adar Church cemetery, the first person to be buried there.

The Rev. Mr. Vernon was a brother of Charles Robinson Vernon whose son was named for the Rev. John Henry Vernon. The son, John Henry Vernon, Sr., of Person County and Burlington, married Miss Sarah Belle Cates, a member of the J. W. Cates family prominent in the organization and growth of the First Baptist Church of Burlington. Their children were John H. Vernon, Jr., and Sarah Elizabeth Vernon Watts (Mrs. William M.). John H. Vernon, Jr., who was married to Elizabeth (Dolly) Byrd, died in 1986. Their son, John H. Vernon, III practices law in Burlington.

Mr. G. F. Blackmon

Brother G. F. Blackmon and wife Eula V. Blackmon and Brother John F. Blackmon were received into the membership of Mount Adar Baptist Church on July 24, 1889. They came by letter from the Clement Baptist Church. G. F. Blackmon is listed as a member of the building committee which planned the construction of Mount Adar's first building. His name appears several times in the church records until he and Mrs. Blackmon moved from Mount Adar Church to a church in Burlington February 2, 1892.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF MOUNT ADAR BAPTIST CHURCH

The seven people who were charter members of Mount Adar Baptist Church were from three families. Emily Powell Whitted, her daughter, Laura Whitted Malone, her son, William Henry Whitted, and her daughter-in-law, Alice Puryear Whitted were from the same family. Andrew Jackson Compton and Mattie Compton were brother and sister. Cornelia Ann Lee Vincent, the widow of Captain Joseph Shaw Vincent, who had died August 12, 1884, was the only member of her family in the group. It is likely that Viola Gertrude Vincent, the first person to join Mount Adar Baptist Church, was her daughter.

Emily Powell Whitted

Emily Powell Whitted was born October 7, 1834 and died August 24, 1912 and is buried at Cross Roads Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Alamance County. She and her husband, Levi Whitted, had seven children: William H., John D., Lynn B., Levi, Ella Banks Whitted Murray, Laura Whitted Malone and Nannie Whitted Anderson. She moved her membership to Mount Adar Baptist Church from the Milton Baptist Church in Caswell County. Milton Baptist Church belongs to the Beulah Baptist Association.

A. Laura Whitted Malone

A. Laura Whitted Malone was born August 16, 1858 and died June 21, 1920. She is buried at Cross Roads Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Alamance County. She and her husband, Dallas Malone had two daughters: Fannie Em Malone Tilley and Nina Malone Murphy (both deceased). She moved her membership to Mount Adar Baptist Church from the First Baptist Church of Durham which was at that time a member of the Mount Zion Baptist Association.

W. W. Whitted and Alice Puryear Whitted

William Henry (W. H.) Whitted was born March 18, 1864 and died August 31, 1943. According to his daughter Hallie W. McDade, W. H. was not a domineering man but was head of the household. W. H. was very active for many years at Mount Adar Baptist Church.

Alice was the first wife of W. H. Whitted. She was born July 22, 1864 and died June 22, 1906. She and W. H. Whitted are buried at Cross Roads Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Alamance County.

W. H. and Alice had two sons, Hugh Awell and Walter Puryear.

W. H. married Vera Alberta Compton after Alice died. They had two children, Hallie Whitted McDade and L. R. "Jack" Whitted. Hallie is living in Mebane, N. C. All other children are deceased.

W. H. and Alice moved their membership to Mount Adar Baptist Church from the First Baptist Church of Durham.

A. J. Compton

Andrew Jackson (A. J.) Compton was born in 1841 and died in 1922. He is buried at Eno Presbyterian Church Cemetery in the Cedar Grove community in Orange County. He moved his membership for Mars Hill Baptist Church in Orange County where he was ordained as a deacon in 1875.

A. J. and his wife, Martha Elizabeth, had eight children: Alexander, Herbert, Elton, Clyde, Judson, Alberta Compton Whitted, Frances, and Jessie compton (all desceased).

Mattie Compton

Mattie Compton, sister of A. J. was born in 1851 and died in 1928. She and A. J. were the children of Aquilla and Selina Compton. On December 11, 1895, Mattie was married to the Rev. John H. Vernon, a member of the presbytery which served at the organization of Mount Adar Church. The section on the members of the presbytery contains further information on Mr. and Mrs. Vernon. Mattie is buried in Mount Adar Baptist Church Cemetery, the first person to be buried there.

Mattie moved her membership from the Mars Hill Baptist Church located in Orange County. Mars Hill Church belongs to the Mount Zion Baptist Association.

Cornelia Ann Lee Vincent

Cornelia Ann Lee vincent was born in 1849 and died March 20, 1920. She married Joseph Shaw Vincent, a captain in the Civil War, on May 23, 1867 in Caswell County. Joseph died on August 12, 1884. They are buried in Cross Roads Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Alamance County.

Cornelia moved her membership from Kerr's Chapel Baptist Church in Caswell County. Kerr's Chapel Church belonged to the Beulah Baptist Association at that time, but in 1986, it was accepted in the Mount Zion Baptist Association.

GLEANINGS

The following material was gleaned from church minutes of the Mount Zion Baptist Association, and other sources. A printed copy of the church minutes, taken from the original ledgers, is in the Historical Collection of Mount Adar Baptist Church.

Clement Baptist Church, located in the Bushy Fork Section of Person County, was founded in the winter of 1833. Two members of the presbytery which served at the constitution of Mount Adar Baptist Church were members of Clement Baptist Church and one, the Rev. J. H. Vernon, was the former pastor. The third member of the presbytery, the Rev. A. T. Hord, was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Burlington, organized in 1887. Neither of these churches lists Mount Adar with the churches they have helped organize, but it is doubtful that the organization of Mount Adar would have taken place at that time without the influence of these two churches.

The Mount Adar Baptist Church Minutes of September 7, 1989 show that "On motion the church was named Mt. Adar." During the early years, the church is referred to as "Mount Ada" and also as "Mount Adar." The Mount Zion Association Annual for 1889 lists the church as Mount Adar. According to STRONG'S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE OF THE BIBLE, the name "Ada" does not appear in the Bible. The name "Adar" does. The word "Adar" appears first in Joshua 15:3. There the boundaries of the tribe of Judah are being laid out and we read: "(it) goes up south of Kadesh-barnea, along to Hezron, up to Adar . . ." "Adar" is not identified. It could have been a village, or a mountain, or a stream. The name "Adar" appears next in Ezra 6:15, and then Esther 3:7, 13; 8:12; 9:1, 15, 17, 19. In all these references in Ezra and Esther, "Adar" is the name of the twelfth month of the ancient Hebrew calendar. Those appear to be the only references in the Bible to "Adar."

On the same day that Mount Adar Baptist Church was organized, Miss Viola Gertrude Vincent was received as a candidate for baptism. She was baptized on May 12, 1889. Later entries indicate that she married a Mr. Harrison.

The charter members of Mount Adar Baptist Church included five women and two men. With the addition of Viola Gertrude Vincent, the membership was composed of six women and two men. The brothers were consistently appointed to positions of leadership while the sisters were appointed to solicit funds.

The first recorded death of a member of Mount Adar Baptist Church is that of Sister Parthenia Harrelson who died June 23, 1896. She joined Mount Adar Church April 26, 1896 by letter from Kerr's Chapel Baptist Church. The September 1896 minutes show that the Rev. J. H. Vernon was appointed to write a suitable resolution as a memorial to her. The last recorded death in the membership of Mount Adar Baptist Church in this 100 year history is that of Mrs. Elder Layton "Mary Smith" Massey, who was born April 3, 1889 and died January 18, 1989. She is buried in Mount Adar Baptist Church Cemetery.

On March 2, 1891 a building committee composed of A. J. Compton, G. F. Blackmon and W. H. Whitted was appointed. The record does not show which body appointed the people to serve on this committee, but the committee appointed Sisters A. Laura Malone, Mattie Compton, and Viola G. Vincent to assist them in getting aid for the church building.

When Mount Adar Baptist Church was built in 1892, the land was donated by Mrs. James "Fannie Hicks" Christopher. James and Fannie Christopher are buried in the Mount Zion Christian Church Cemetery.

On July 3, 1892 "a very large crowd of people assembled to witness the dedication of the church." The members had collected \$520.99 in cash and \$214.35 in work and material.

On September 21, 1895, a committee consisting of Sisters Mattie Compton and A. Laura Malone was appointed to help raise the pastor's salary.

On December 10, 1899, a committee composed of Misses Fannie E. Malone, Fannie Compton, Sanora Christopher and Mrs. Mollie Smith was appointed to assist the deacons in collecting the pastor's salary.

On December 8, 1900 a committee consisting of Brothers A. J. Compton and W. H. Whitted and Sisters Maggie McDade and A. Laura Malone was appointed to make an apportionment to the members for the pastor's salary. The committee made apportionments of \$9.00 for four men and \$43.00 for twenty-three women.

On January 10, 1904, Miss Jessie Compton was appointed church clerk. This is the first record of a woman being appointed to a position other than that of a collector of funds.

In October, 1911 Miss Katie Boone, Miss Willie Boone, Miss Pearl Ward, and Mr. Will Sharpe were appointed as delegates to the Mount Zion Baptist Association. This is the first record of women serving as delegates to the Association. It was 1925 before a woman was again appointed to that position. The Association met with Mount Adar Church that year and all the delegates were women. They were Mrs. Maggie McDade, Mrs. W. A. Boone, Mrs. R. L. Wilson and Mrs. C. E. Allen.

In 1922 a committee from the Beulah Baptist Association was appointed to ask Mount Adar Baptist Church to join that Association and Mount Adar is listed as a member of the Beulah Association that year. However, the committee was unable to visit in 1923 so Mount Adar Church remained in the Mount Zion Baptist Association. From *THE BLESSING OF BEULAH*, by Ron Boswell, Economy Printing Concern, Inc. Berne, Indiana 1984, pages 225 and 229.

The baptistry in the first church building was under the pulpit area and was covered by trap doors when not in use. The water was brought in barrels from nearby sources. One member, baptized in that early baptistry reports that she remembers her baptism because of the solemnity of the occasion and because of the temperature of the water.

Persons being considered for pastors of Baptist churches usually preach a "trial" sermon before the church makes a decision to call a pastor. A member who has belonged to Mount Adar Church since 1915 reports that she was present when one such candidate preached at Mount Adar. The people were impressed with his delivery and when the vote was taken she and only one other person gave him negative votes. When asked about her decision, she said that the man was "sanctified" and was not really a baptist. She said he would not be good for the church. On the strength of her opinion, the church did not call him. He became pastor of another Baptist church and before the first year of his pastorate had expired, that church was no longer a Southern Baptist Church!

